

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 12-14, 16, 18-30 were submitted for examination. All claims have been rejected.

A telephonic interview was conducted with the Examiner on April 10, 2003 discussing independent claims 1, 9, and 21.

Claims 2, 20, 21, 23, 24, 28, and 29 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 4, 18, and 19 have been amended.

New claims 31-35 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection - Haneda et al.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 9-10, 12-14, 16, 18-20, and 25-30 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 5,900,848 of Haneda et al. ("Haneda"). Given the cancellation of claims 2, 20, 21, 23, 24, 28, and 29, the amendments to claims 1, 4, 18, and 19, and the Examiner's indication from the interview that claim 9 could be further examined, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is moot. These claims are cancelled or amended for the purpose of expediting prosecution, and thus does not represent an admission or acquiescence as to their unpatentability.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejection - Kin et al.

Claims 21, 23, and 24 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. JP02000184026A of Kin et al. ("Kin"). Given the cancellation of claims 21, 23, and 24, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is moot. These claims are cancelled for the purpose of expediting

prosecution, and thus does not represent an admission or acquiescence as to their unpatentability.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections - Haneda & Truchet

Claims 6 has been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haneda in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,606,345 of Truchet ("Truchet"). Given that claim 6 depends on claim 1, and that claim 1 has been amended, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is moot.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections - Haneda & Kikinis et al.

Claims 7 has been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haneda in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,522,089 of Kikinis et al. ("Kikinis"). Given that claim 7 depends on claim 1, and that claim 1 has been amended, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call David Tran at (408) 765-4692.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 for any charges that may be due.

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APPENDIX A

VERSION OF SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS WITH
MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Three-times Amended) A system, comprising:
a first module coupled to a second module and a third module, wherein a display screen of the first module [and], a display screen of the second module, and a display screen of the third module are to form a first viewing area when the first module is placed adjacent to the second module and the second module is placed adjacent to the third module, wherein the display screen of the first module is to form a second viewing area when the first module is folded on top of the second module such that the display screen of the first module is visible, and wherein the first viewing area is associated with a first type of applications and the second viewing area is associated with a second type of applications.
4. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the display screens of the first module [and], the second module, and the third module are touch screen.
18. (Three-times Amended) A system, comprising:
means for coupling a first module to a second module and to a third module, wherein the first module includes a first display screen, [and] the second module includes a second display screen, and the third module includes a third display screen, such that when placing the first module, [and] the second module, and the third module [are placed] adjacent to [each] one another [other], the first display screen, [and] the second display screen, and the third display screen form a first viewing area, the first viewing area used with a first type of applications, and wherein the first display screen [or the second display

screen] forms a second viewing area, the second viewing area used with a second type of applications.

19. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 18, [further comprising means for setting a low power-consumption mode] wherein the first display screen is used with the second type of applications when the first module is folded over the second module such that [neither] the first display screen is visible and the second display screen is not visible.

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